

Green Facts

Pesticide Exterminator Licences

The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) pesticide licensing program is regulated by the *Pesticides Act* and Regulation 914. In accordance with legislation, the Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch manages licensing for the sale, storage, use, transportation and disposal of federally registered and provincially classified pesticides. This fact sheet provides information for prospective commercial pesticide applicators (exterminators).

Do I require an Exterminator Licence?

Any person that applies pesticides commercially must hold an Exterminator Licence. Commercial pesticide application includes any pesticide application on any property that you don't own or farm.

What does an Exterminator Licence allow me to do?

An Exterminator Licence authorizes pesticide use according to the terms and conditions of the licence. There are currently three different types and 15 different classes of Exterminator Licences:

| Type | Class | Description |
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| 60 | 02 | Structural Exterminator – Structural |
| | 03 | Structural Exterminator – Termite |
| | 04 | Structural Exterminator – Greenhouse |
| | 05 | Structural Exterminator – Fumigation, General |
| | 06 | Structural Exterminator – Fumigation, Vault |
| | 07 | Structural Exterminator – Fumigation, Commodity |
| | 08 | Structural Exterminator – Fumigation, Soil |
| 70 | 01 | Land Exterminator – Agriculture |
| | 02 | Land Exterminator – Landscape |
| | 03 | Land Exterminator – Industrial Vegetation |
| | 04 | Land Exterminator – Aerial |
| | 05 | Land Exterminator – Forestry |
| 80 | 01 | Water Exterminator – Mosquito/Biting Flies |
| | 02 | Water Exterminator – Aquatic Vegetation |
| | 03 | Water Exterminator – Fish/Mollusc |

If you are a Certified Agriculturalist (Certified Grower), Assistant Agriculturalist or Unlicensed Assistant (Technician or Trainee), you do not require an Exterminator Licence. For additional information about the training requirements and/or limitations of these positions, please refer to Ministry of the Environment publication number 4523e titled "Guide to Pesticide Licensing and Certification" available on the Ministry of the Environment Internet site at <http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/gp/index.htm#PLC>.

How do I qualify/apply for an Exterminator Licence?

All new exterminators are required to take an MOE approved course and pass a certification exam. For information regarding pesticide training and certification please contact Ridgetown College, University of Guelph toll free at 1-888-620-9999 or (519) 674-1575.

To qualify for an Exterminator Licence, you must:

- Complete an approved pesticide certification course for the type and class of licence(s) you are applying for within the previous twelve months;
- Be 16 years of age or older; and
- Have achieved a minimum Grade 10 standing in Ontario or other qualifications considered by the Director to be equivalent.

To apply for an Exterminator Licence, you must complete and submit an "Application for a Pesticide Exterminator Licence" to:

Director, *Pesticides Act*
Ministry of the Environment
Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch
2 St. Clair Ave. W, Floor 12A
Toronto, ON M4V1L5

This form is available on the Ministry of the Environment internet site at <http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/gp/index.htm#PLC> or from the Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch at 1-800-461-6290 (or 416-314-8001).

What information do I need to include with my application?

When you complete the "Application for a Pesticide Exterminator Licence", you will be asked to provide the following:

- Licence information
 - Information about the licence(s) you are applying for and the licence(s), if any, that you currently hold.
- Mailing address
 - the address where you receive mail.
- Employer information (optional)
 - Information about the company for which you will be performing pesticide exterminations.
- Payment
 - Exterminator Licences are subject to a \$90 fee and are valid for 5 years. If you currently hold one or more Exterminator Licence, the expiry date of the existing licence(s) will be adjusted to match the expiry date of the new licence and a pro-rated fee will be charged for the existing licences. For

more information about the pro-rated fee, please refer to instruction number 9 on the “Application for a Pesticide Exterminator Licence” or call the Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch at 1-800-461-6290 (or 416-314-8001). This fee is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or certified cheque or money order payable to the Ontario Minister of Finance.

How do I renew my licence?

You will receive a notice in the mail 45 days prior to your licence expiry date. This notice will provide you with detailed instructions on how to renew your licence. If you did not receive a renewal notice or have questions about the renewal process, please contact the Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch at 1-800-461-6290 (or 416-314-8001) or by e-mail at EAABGen@ene.gov.on.ca.

How do I update my address if I move?

If you move or your address changes, you must notify the Ministry of the Environment within 10 days using a form supplied by the ministry. The “Pesticide Licence Replacement / Change of Address Form” is available on the Ministry of the Environment internet site at <http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/gp/index.htm#PLC> or from the Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch at 1-800-461-6290 (or 416-314-8001).

The information contained in this document is of a general nature only and is not intended to constitute advice for any specific situation. Please note that the texts of many Ontario statutes and regulations are available on the Internet at www.e-laws.gov.on.ca.

For more information about pesticide licensing or to obtain an application package, please contact:

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